

Mere Christianity
Book 4, Chapter 7
Let's Pretend

Questions:

1. To introduce this chapter, Lewis cites two stories. What are they?
2. What is the common lesson or point Lewis wants us to see in these stories?
3. What two kinds of pretending there there? What's the difference? Which is the good one?
4. How does this "behavioral" approach clash with the spirit of our present age/culture?
5. How does this approach correspond to the teaching of Scripture (**Psa. 34:14; Rom. 6:16; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:1-2; Jas. 4:17; 1 Jn. 2:6**)?

6. Even though we become the people we are meant to be by “pretending” to be such a person, what is the actual source of the transformation (**2 Cor. 3:18**)?

7. Reflect on Lewis’s insight that Christian maturity involves being more concerned about one’s *condition* than one’s *behavior* (**2 Cor. 3:18**).

8. What role do the family and the church (the only two divine institutions) play in the process outlined in this chapter?

9. Reflect on this statement: “God looks at you as if you were a little Christ: Christ stands beside you to turn you into one.”